

**Approved
BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Morrell Meeting Room
Curtis Memorial Library
23 Pleasant Street**

Councilors Present: Chair Benet Pols, W. David Watson, Stephen S. Walker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Jane F. Millett, Sarah E. Brayman, and John Richardson, Jr.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney; and TV video crew.

Chair Pols called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked the Town Clerk for Roll Call.

Executive session – Personnel matter regarding the Town Manager’s severance and release agreement per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Perreault seconded, to go into executive session to discuss a Personnel matter regarding the Town Manager’s severance and release agreement per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). There were five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Richardson were opposed. Since a 3/5 vote is required to go into executive session, the motion failed.

Councilor Richardson spoke in opposition of going into executive session.

Chair Pols spoke on this item.

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to move, in accordance with paragraph 3(C) of the Town Manager Gary Brown’s severance agreement dated December 23, 2014, to provide Manager Brown with two weeks’ written notice of an early departure date, namely February 24, 2014. In addition the town will pay Gary Brown in lieu of working during the two-week period.

Councilor Wilson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Millett, Councilor Favreau, Chair Pols, Councilor Walker, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Brayman spoke regarding this item.

Steve Langsdorf, Town Attorney, responded to questions from Chair Pols.

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Manager Brown spoke regarding his service with the Town.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to move, in accordance with paragraph 3(C) of the Town Manager Gary Brown's severance agreement dated December 23, 2014, to provide Manager Brown with two weeks' written notice of an early departure date, namely February 24, 2014. In addition the town will pay Gary Brown in lieu of working during the two-week period. The motion carried with five (5) yeas. Councilor Watson, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Richardson were opposed.

MOTION:

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to appoint John Eldridge to serve as Interim Town Manager until such time as this Council shall appoint a new Town Manager.

Councilor Wilson, Chair Pols, Councilor Favreau Councilor Richardson, Councilor Perreault, Councilor Watson, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Brayman spoke on this motion.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chair Pols moved, Councilor Millett seconded, to appoint John Eldridge to serve as Interim Town Manager until such time as this Council shall appoint a new Town Manager. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Favreau was opposed.

Councilor Perreault moved, Councilor Watson second, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Frances Smith

Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager

February 18, 2014

February 24, 2014

Date of Approval

Council Chair